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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

VIA : Mr. Lloyd 

1. The attached memorandum from Matt appears to be responsive to Mr. Lloyd's memorandum of 31 August 1955 (reference). Actually, I believe the several subject matters in this memorandum are sufficiently involved that they would have been better treated by a staff study which might have discussed some of the pros and cons of several alternate courses of action.

2. In the main, this paper seems to make a pitch for the necessity of indoctrinating Armed Services personnel regarding the command relationship agreements between this Agency and the Services (see paras 4.b and 4.c). Further indication of this is the recommendation regarding assignment of instructors, (para 5.c., page 3). If my analysis is correct, the actions recommended are an obscure and indirect stab at solution of the basic problem, to wit: elimination of ignorance of senior Armed Services personnel regarding the wartime role of CIA with combined and joint staffs and wartime operational responsibilities of CIA.

3. This seems a matter for concern on a CIA basis and one which best can be dealt with -- and in a straight forward manner -- by the DCI requesting the JCS to direct that the matter of CIA's wartime role and the command relationship agreements be included in the curriculum of certain of the senior Defense Schools and Colleges. Such an approach would have the further advantage of assuring proper handling within the limitations of the MICC policies and the Third Agency Rule (see Shef's memorandum of 21 May 1956) since:

a. Any discussion or disclosure of these topics by anyone must be within those ground rules, and

b. The Services are the arbiters of those ground rules in so far as these topics (Top Secret military information) are concerned.

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4. After all, CIA Staff Officers are not sent to Defense Schools and Colleges to learn about this Agency's wartime undertakings. Nor does it appear realistic to expect that they can slip this subject into the curriculum by way of seminar group activity, thus realizing the Agency training objective.

5. Recommendation F (paragraph 5) is loaded! The memorandum does not show coordination with O/Pers and my telecon with Colonel [] suggests that MPD may not like it for these reasons:

a. It would use our military authorization slots.

b. No military slots have been requested or authorized for this purpose, i.e., training of Agency staff personnel.

c. MPD could not determine "...those ^{instances} incidences in which Agency interests would be served best by having students in military status...", and no criteria are provided for whoever else might be required to make this decision.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That DD/S not approve this memorandum.

b. That a staff study be made of the question of whether the Agency should request the JCS to include CIA wartime role, etc., in curriculum of appropriate Defense Schools and Colleges. The scope of the coverage requested would be determined by DD/P and DD/I for their respective areas of interest.

c. That this memorandum and, in particular, recommendation 5.f, page 3, be coordinated with O/Pers/MPD prior to action by DD/S.

d. Recommendation 5.c, page 3, seems premature and, in any event, is not a matter which should be incorporated in an Agency regulation dealing with the selection of students for Defense Schools (see recommendation 5.g., page 4).



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